

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A wristwatch of substantially rectangular shape including a case enclosing a movement, a wristband whose first strand is fixed onto a first side of the case and whose second strand is fixed onto a second side opposite to the first, and two sliding shutter-type covers (hereinafter "shutters") sliding over the case and capable of being open or closed to allow said case to appear or to be concealed respectively via manual action exerted on said shutters, guide and holding means being implemented to secure each of said shutters to the case, wherein said guide and holding means are distinct from each other and wherein means are implemented to exert a vertical force under each of the shutters tending to apply said shutter against said holding means.

2. The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said means implemented to exert said vertical force consist of a ball arranged under each of the shutters, said ball being secured to the case and pushed by a spring.

3. The wristwatch according to claim 2, wherein each of the ball is made of a hard material, in particular a ceramic material.

4. The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said ball travels under the shutter along a path in the ends of which are made a first housing and a second housing in which the ball is able to enter partially to lock said shutter respectively in its open and closed positions.

5. The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said means for holding each of the shutters onto the case include at least two cylindrical pins whose ends emerge on either side of a listel secured to the case, and two grooves made in the shutter and located on either side of the listel, the ends of said pins engaging in said grooves.

6. The wristwatch according to claim 5, wherein each of the grooves is formed of a rail added underneath the shutter.

7. The wristwatch according to claim 5, wherein each pin is held in the listel by a sealing gasket made of resilient material.

8. The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said guide means include two rails emerging from the case, each of said rails engaging in a groove made in the shutter.

9. The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein first and second wristband strands are secured to the case by means of screws used both to prevent the shutter from inadvertently being released from the case and to limit the travel of said shutter.

10. The wristwatch according to claim 9, wherein the end of each of the screws is engaged in a machined portion made in the shutter.

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